

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance Under 37 CFR §1.104(e)**  
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Docket No.: 65856-0075  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

Paul M. Fowler et al.

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Art Unit: 3681

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
CONTROLLING ENGAGEMENT OF A  
CLUTCH**

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR  
§1.104(E)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

Applicant has received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the September 26, 2008 Notices of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. Each of the claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the combination it recites and not because of the presence or absence of any one particular element. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning.

The Examiner's Statement was not prepared by Applicant and only contains the Examiner's possible positions in one or more reasons for allowability. Thus, any interpretation with respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be imputed to the Applicant.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65856-0075 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: December 22, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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